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JOINT MEETING WITH THE INDIANA COMMISSION ON MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: August 10, 2005
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Senate Chambers
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. Marvin Riegsecker, Chairperson; Sen. Connie Sipes; Rep. Cleo Duncan; Rep. Phil Hinkle; Rep. Vanessa Summers; Michael Carmin; Leah Helvering.

Members Absent: Sen. Ryan Mishler; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Rep. Dennie Oxley; Hugh Beebe.

Members of the Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Present: Sen. Marvin Riegsecker, Chairperson; Sen. rose Antich-Carr; Rep. Troy Woodruff; Rep. Sheila Klinker; Sylvia Marie Brantley; Christopher Durcholz; Suda Hopkins; Sally Lowery; Scott MacGregor; Betty Williams.

Senator Riegsecker called the joint meeting of the Commission on Autism and the

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Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Presentation by Mr. Mitch Roob, Secretary, Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)

Secretary Roob discussed the following: (1) challenges encountered when taking over administration of FSSA, (2) financial challenges, (3) issues concerning the Fort Wayne Developmental Center, and (4) waivers for Developmental Disabilities (DD), Support Services (SS) and Autism.

Secretary Roob also presented the following information: (1) There are currently 337 people receiving services through the Autism waiver and 2,853 on the waiting list. (2) There are currently 5,400 people receiving services through the DD waiver and 14,137 people on the waiting list. (3) There are currently 3,548 people receiving services through the SS waiver and 9,479 people on the waiting list. (4) FSSA's expenditures for 2004 for Autism were \$12.2 million, \$329.4 million for DD, and \$26.3 million for SS. (5) FSSA's expenditures for 2005 for Autism are \$11.6 million, \$338.9 million for DD, and \$27.9 million for SS.

In addition, Secretary Roob discussed planned changes to the DD, Autism, and SS Waivers. In response to questions from Commission members, Secretary Roob stated that the objectives of the new plan are to: (1) reduce the administrative burden related to the budget approval and billing processes, (2) apply savings realized against expected cost increases and remove individuals from waiver waiting lists, and (3) change billing documenting from quarter hour units to per diem rates for residential and day services. Case management will also change from a quarter hour billing unit to a monthly rate based on historical expenditures. The initial cost estimates call for \$14 million in savings annually. Savings will be a combination of state and federal dollars (62% federal funds and 38% state funds). The savings will be returned to the system in the following manner: The first \$8 million will be devoted to expected cost increases in pharmaceuticals, case management and behavior management. Beyond that, 50% of all savings will be devoted to removing individuals from waiting lists. FSSA projects that \$3.5 million will be spent to move individuals off the waiting lists.

II. Introductions

Members of the Commissions introduced themselves.

III. Presentation by Mr. Randy Kriebel, Interim Director, Bureau of State Operated Services

Mr. Kriebel presented a final report to the Commissions regarding the closure of Muscatatuck State Developmental Center (Center) (Exhibit A). Mr. Kriebel's presentation included a transition process summary which outlined: (1) barriers to new placements for residents, (2) lessons learned during the process, (3) recommendations for enhancements to the transition process, and (4) placement cost comparisons. The presentation also included a summary of the FSSA Muscatatuck Closure Planning Committee's actions, staffing, and a historical perspective of the Center. Mr. Kriebel distributed a picture of the Center to the members of both Commissions (Exhibit B), and a pamphlet of Muscatatuck memories (Exhibit C).

IV. Presentation by Kim Dodson, Director of Government Relations, ARC of Indiana

Ms. Dodson presented information and distributed a handout concerning mental

retardation and developmental disabilities and autism issues (Exhibit D). Topic areas addressed included: (1) waiting lists, (2) health insurance, (3) priority criteria for Developmental Disability waiver slots, (4) First Steps, (5) criminal justice issues, and (6) the Rest Assured Project.

V. Presentation by Dr. Cathy Pratt, Director, Indiana Resource Center for Autism

Dr. Pratt provided the Commissions with a summary of accomplishments that the state of Indiana has made regarding autism. She discussed some of the challenges the state will encounter, and how other states are responding to the growing number of persons diagnosed with autism (Exhibit E). Dr. Pratt also presented the Commissions with a pamphlet, "When Your Child is Diagnosed With an Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Resource for Families Whose Son or Daughter is Newly Diagnosed." The pamphlet was created by the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. The Center has printed 20,000 copies and is open to input for distribution (Exhibit F). Dr. Pratt also provided the Commissions with a section-by-section summary of the "New Freedom Initiative Medicaid Demonstrations Act of 2005" (Exhibit G).

VI. Future Meetings

Two additional meetings for the Commission on Autism were scheduled for September 12, 2005 and September 28, 2005. Both meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 233.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.